

Torrance, California
September 8, 1953

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, September 8, 1953, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Schwab presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

Councilman Blount led the salute to our Flag.

Rev. Taylor of the First Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

As first order of business, Councilman Blount moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 1953, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab announced this is the time and place for the opening of bids for furnishing and installing cast iron pipe for the Water Department.

City Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following bids:

For furnishing and installing 1,470 feet of 6" diameter and 825 feet of 8" diameter Bell and Spigot Cast Iron Pipe:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT BID</u>
E.C. Losch Company	\$6,970.00
S.E. Pipe Line Construction Company	6,858.00
J.E. Young Pipe Line Contractor, Inc.	6,498.60
Sam B. Pearce	6,750.00

Councilman Blount moved the bids be referred to the Water Superintendent and City Manager for their recommendations later during the meeting, after a recess. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab announced this is the time and place for the third and final hearing of Planning Commission Case No. 264, Change of Zone initiated by the Torrance Planning Commission on the West side of Western Avenue between 174th Street and a point 343.12 feet North of the center line of 190th Street, from A-1 (Light Agricultural) and C-2 (General Commercial) to Zone M-1 (Light Manufacturing), for a depth of 200 feet net, or 250 feet from the center line of Western Avenue, as shown on Exhibit "A" on file in the office of the Torrance Planning Commission under Case No. 264.

Discussion followed by members of the Council on the advisability of postponing this hearing for a reasonable length of time. Councilman Spelman so moved and Councilman Blount seconded the motion. During further discussion City Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning, which stated that they had no objections to this proposed change of zone, as the zoning on the easterly side of Western Avenue is in the M-1 and M-2 Zones, and City Manager Stevens explained that the City of Torrance had certain problems in that area which might be solved if the hearing could be postponed for a short time. Councilman Spelman withdrew his motion and Councilman Blount his second. It was decided to bring up the matter after a recess.

Mayor Schwab announced that this is the time and place for the third and final hearing of Planning Commission Case No. 265, Change of Zone initiated by the Torrance Planning Commission on Yukon Avenue and 174th Street, as indicated on map marked "Exhibit B" on file in the office of the Torrance Planning Commission under Case No. 265.

Councilman Blount stated that he had discussed this case with Councilman Drale, who preferred not to take an active part in this case because of a personal interest in the matter, and that he would endeavor to act for Councilman Drale. Councilman Blount said he had talked to people in the area, some being opposed and others in favor of the proposed change, and in his opinion by resubmitting this case to the Planning Commission, with a recommendation that 174th Street be eliminated from this particular Change of Zone and returned to the Council, most of the protests would be eliminated and a majority of the people in favor of the change would be reasonably happy. He stated that he had received a directive to the City Council tonight, with 108 signatures of residents who are in favor of this case. Councilman Blount moved Case No. 265 be referred back to the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Petition, bearing sixteen signatures, requesting a Change of Name for Selma Road to Denny Road. City Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Planning Engineer Earle A. Lloyd, addressed to City Manager Stevens, which stated that the change in name had been recommended to the City Council because of the similarity of the name Denny Road with that of the existing Dennis Road in Seaside Ranchos.

Councilman Benstead moved this communication be referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously. Councilman Spelman suggested that it be pointed out to the Planning Commission that there is not a Dennis Road in Seaside Ranchos.

Philip Karaly, complaining of the dust at the City Dump site. City Manager Stevens explained that City forces have been watering in the area in an attempt to keep the dust down, but on a windy day it is almost impossible as it blows from the open area in the vicinity. He also said that he had instructed City forces to hold down the dust from our operations in every way possible.

Councilman Spelman moved the City Manager be requested to write this gentleman a letter, giving him the information just stated and telling him we are doing our best to keep the City's property watered down. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried. City Manager Stevens stated that he thought this field now under cultivation, which is a rather small one, would be the last one because it is his understanding that C.C.M.O. intends to take over all this property under an extensive grading program.

American Rock Wool Corporation, advising of plans for disposing of industrial waste from their plant.

Councilman Spelman moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company, requesting formal approval of their plans for the improvement of property north of Maricopa Street and west of Maple Avenue; requesting permission to widen Maple Avenue to an eighty-foot street and to lower grade of street to finished grade of property.

Councilman Benstead moved the communication be referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Earl W. Chapman, Executive Officer, State Employees' Retirement System, regarding the withdrawal of Miscellaneous Employees from the State System. When questioned as to whether he had any additional information regarding this proposed withdrawal, City Manager Stevens replied that there is still one question we have never been able to have answered and that is, "If the employees should withdraw from the State System, could they go under the Federal System?" He said this communication indicates that a portion of the employees cannot withdraw, unless everybody withdraws, and that all the answers we have had from numerous Federal people indicate we cannot enter the O.A.S.I. and retain the present system.

Councilman Spelman moved the communication be filed as a matter of record and that the Council study the problem further. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried. Councilman Benstead suggested that this information be made available to the employees. City Manager Stevens advised that a committee has been appointed, which represents all departments, and that a meeting of this committee will be called this week, at which time copies of this communication will be furnished for the information of all employees.

Torrance Area Youth Bands, requesting approval to hold a three-day Carnival, beginning September 11 and ending September 13, on

the lot located on the northwest corner of Engracia and Cravens Avenues. The request has been approved by Police Chief Stroh. Councilman Benstead asked if we have had any trouble with noises or nuisances in the past, and City Manager Stevens replied that there was one thing that had caused trouble, which we had corrected and he would like to recommend be done again, and that was a deposit for at least one hundred dollars to insure proper cleaning up of the premises and the repair of any sidewalks which might become broken; that experience in the past had proven that proper cleaning up is done only when a deposit has been made.

Councilman Spelman moved the request be granted to include the recommendation of the City Manager relative to a clean-up fee. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Floyd E. Shoup, claim for damages to his car by City vehicle driven by a Park Department employee.

Councilman Spelman moved the claim be denied and referred to our insurance carrier. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

God's Bounty Mission, Inc., requesting a permit to collect discarded household items and newspapers in the City of Torrance, the proceeds from which will be used to employ handicapped persons and for Missionary and Evangelical work of God's Bounty Mission. City Clerk Bartlett advised the Council that he is investigating this organization and hasn't received a reply as yet.

Councilman Benstead moved this request be referred to the next Agenda Meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Long Beach Naval Shipyard Shop, expressing appreciation for the use of the Torrance Municipal Park.

The communication was ordered filed as a matter of record and Mayor Schwab suggested that a copy be furnished all persons mentioned therein.

Franchise Statement from Pacific Coast Gasoline Company, showing amount due the City of Torrance, as of July 10, 1953, to be \$693.00.

Councilman Blount moved the statement be referred to City Attorney Hall. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman carried.

Franchise Statement from Union Oil Company, showing payment due the City of Torrance for the year ending June 30, 1953, to be \$294.36.

Councilman Blount moved the statement be referred to City Attorney Hall. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman carried.

At 8:45 p.m. Mayor Schwab declared a ten-minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

City Manager Stevens recommended that the contract for furnishing and installing Cast Iron Pipe for the Water Department, bids on which were opened at the beginning of the meeting, be awarded to J. E. Young Pipe Line Contractor, Inc., who submitted the low bid in the amount of \$6,498.60, and that all other bids be rejected. Councilman Spelman so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Schwab announced that, if there were no objections, he would suggest that the public hearing on Planning Commission Case No. 264 be continued two weeks from tonight. Councilman Drale so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That the following personnel be appointed to serve their probationary period in the classification shown and at the first salary step:

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- (a) Betty F. Ingram, Account Clerk, Water Department, August 17, 1953.
- (b) Agnes May Truair, Account Clerk, Water Department, September 8, 1953.
- (c) Fred E. Montgomery, Park Maintenance Man, Park Department, September 8, 1953.
- (d) Frances M. Giaquinto, Legal Stenographer, City Attorney's Office, September 1, 1953.

- 2. That Donald E. Phoenix be temporarily appointed as a Laborer in the Street Department, at the first salary step, effective August 24, 1953. (No eligible list available.)

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager, items 1 and 2, under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

- 1. To Scotty's Roof Service for re-roofing Civic Auditorium, the sum of \$603.00. (A Budget Item)
- 2. To Scotty's Roof Service for re-roofing a portion of the City Hall, the sum of \$438.00. (A Budget Item)
- 3. For the Purchase of a Gestetner Duplicating Machine. Net price of machine is \$575.50 plus tax, including trade-in of old Multigraph machine.
- 4. To Barclay Surveying Company, the sum of \$445.50 for engineering services during the month of August, 1953.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, items 1 through 4, under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AWARD OF CONTRACTS:

- 1. That the bid of International Harvester Company, who submitted the lowest responsible bid, for furnishing an International Truck in conformance with the City's Specifications, in the amount of \$3,497.98 including tax, be accepted and all other bids be rejected.
- 2. That the bid of B.F. Goodrich Company, for the rental of tires to the Bus Department, be accepted.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, items 1 and 2, under Award of Contracts. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Transmittal Form from Planning Commission, recommending approval of Case No. 271, petition of Revo Oil Company for the erection of a derrick and other facilities for the purpose of drilling for, and the producing of, oil and gas on Lot 7, Meadow Park Tract, between 236th Street and Pacific Coast Highway, per "Exhibit A", which set forth certain conditions and terms.

Councilman Blount stated that he had read the conditions under "Exhibit A" and also the minutes of the Planning Commission on this case; that Mr. Dietrich's name had been mentioned and that he had been quoted, very properly, but that in Mr. Blount's opinion Mr. Dietrich had not meant that Item No. 2 of the original draft of "Exhibit A" should be deleted and which read as follows: "(2) The painting and lighting of the drilling mast or derrick used in the drilling operations shall comply with any applicable rules and regulations of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, United States Department of Commerce."

Mr. Jessen, attorney representing the Revo Oil Company, stated that there had been no intent to delete Item No. 2 from the conditions

of the Permit and that he had no objection to this item being included in the terms and conditions of the Variance, as that was something they would have to comply with anyway.

Councilman Blount moved that, as Item No. 5, Item No. 2 of the original list of terms and conditions be inserted in its entirety; further, that, as Item No. 6, a statement be put in to the effect that this Variance is granted subject to the location of the drilling operations shown on the map that is on file under this Case No. 271. Further discussion was held in which it was verified by Mr. Jessen that this Variance is for one well only. It was also decided that the performance bond should be in the amount of \$3,000 instead of \$2,000. City Attorney Hall directed the following question to Mr. Jessen, "Do you have any idea as to how the City stands insofar as the oil and gas rights of the Municipal Airport are concerned, and if your answer is that our position is cloudy, do you have any suggestions for improving them?" Mr. Jessen replied that he had some very definite ideas, but he hasn't been released by his client yet to discuss the matter very frankly with the City officials. He said he definitely thought there was a possibility of the City getting the oil rights, but for the mechanics of it he was not at liberty at the moment to discuss, although he would be pleased to do so as soon as he gets a release from his client.

Councilman Blount moved that, with the enumerated conditions, the Council concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission on Case No. 271; that it be definitely stated that this Variance is for one oil well and that the Performance Bond be raised from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Transmittal Form for Planning Commission Case No. 272, petition of Clyde N. Palmer, Jr. for a Variance and Conditional Permit to construct two-single-family residences on the West 82.5 feet of Lot 8, Tract No. 1046, being 2134 and 2138 West 238th Street and situated in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone, recommending approval.

Councilman Drale stated that he believed that this was a hardship case because of the size of the lot and moved that the Variance be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Transmittal Form for Planning Commission Case No. 269, petition of Robert M. Smith for a Variance and Conditional Permit to allow the boarding of privately-owned horses at 4024 Sepulveda Boulevard in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone, recommending approval for a period of one year.

Councilman Spelman stated he would move that the Council do not concur with the Planning Commission, for the reason that the original request was for a five-year period, and if the use is not good for a five-year period, it is not good for a one-year period. Mr. Blount seconded the motion. Mayor Schwab asked for any remarks and the petitioner, Mr. Smith, discussed the matter with members of the Council. A lady from the audience asked if it would do any good to circulate petitions, as there are a number of people in the area who would like to own their own horse, but had no place close by to board it. Councilman Spelman pointed out that proposed subdivisions would soon be built right up to this location and that he was not objecting to the use requested in the Variance, but to the location. Mayor Schwab said he felt sure there would be complaints on the existing dairy in this area as soon as the new subdivisions are occupied and he didn't think it was wise to approve a use which would increase these complaints. Mayor Schwab called for a roll call vote and Mr. Spelman's motion carried unanimously.

Transmittal Form for Planning Commission Case No. 270, petition of Allied Contractors for a Variance and Conditional Permit to establish a retail, neighborhood business center at the intersection of Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Boulevards in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone, recommending approval per Exhibits "A", "B" and "C" with the special condition that the owner is to dedicate to the City for public road purposes that portion of Palos Verdes and Lomita Boulevards within the described area.

Councilman Drale moved the Variance under Case No. 270 be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Letter of Transmittal from the Planning Commission and Engineering Department, recommending approval of Tract No. 19208, consisting of 27 lots located East of Hawthorne Avenue and Northerly of the proposed 226th Street, to be developed by Harbor Homes, Inc.

Councilman Blount said he took exception to Item 9, which stated that sanitary sewers are not now available, and Mayor Schwab stated that he had talked to Mr. Patrick, who explained that sewers would be available soon. City Manager Stevens explained that this tract, as well as the two small tracts fronting on Hawthorne Avenue, will tie in with the sewer to serve the fifty-five acres; that the plans are being prepared and he assumes they are going ahead with the development, but the tract map has not been signed. City Manager Stevens stated that approval could be given, subject to the installation of sanitary sewers.

Councilman Blount moved that Item 9 of the Transmittal Form be deleted and that the Council approve Tract Map No. 19208, subject to the installation of sanitary sewers. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2430

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEED TO CHARLES H. QUANDT.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2430. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2431

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM YUKIHARU KAWADA AND TOMIKO KAWADA FOR TEMPORARY SLOPE PURPOSES.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2431. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2431. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2432

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM WARREN G. CABLE AND GERTRUDE A. CABLE FOR TEMPORARY SLOPE PURPOSES.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2432. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2432. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2433

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM ALF H. MYHRE AND GEORGETTE MYHRE FOR TEMPORARY SLOPE PURPOSES.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2433. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2433. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2434

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM ELIZABETH CUNNINGHAM FOR TEMPORARY SLOPE PURPOSES.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2434. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2434. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2435

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM CHIYEKO KIMURA FOR TEMPORARY SLOPE PURPOSES.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2435. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2435. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2436

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF LOT S-5 OF TORRANCE TRACT; FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2436. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2436. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2437

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM SAKIYO UCHINO AND BRUCE UCHINO FOR STREET AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2437. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2437. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2438

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN STREET DESIGNATED AS "FUTURE STREET" IN TRACT 17965; FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

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Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2438. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2438. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2439

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ON THE PACIFIC COAST AND OFFERING ITS FACILITIES AT THE TORRANCE PARK AS A TRAINING STATION FOR A MAJOR LEAGUE CLUB.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2439. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2439. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale suggested that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Board of Supervisors and Councilman Benstead suggested that copies also be sent to the Sports Editors of the larger newspapers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2440

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF "AID TO CITIES" (GASOLINE TAX FUNDS) FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2440. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2440. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 655

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, ORDINANCE NO. 446.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of urgency Ordinance No. 655. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 655 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Benstead stated that in practically all of the cities where boys are being released from the Korea prisons, they are putting on some kind of a home welcoming for them and, in his opinion, Torrance should be no exception. He said he thought the City Council should confer with the Veterans' Organizations of this city to decide on some kind of a welcome home for a Mexican boy, the only one we have in the city who spent practically three years in a prison camp in Korea. Councilman Benstead moved that this be done. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead said he thought it would be appropriate for the City Council to purchase two plaques, one for the veterans of World War II and one for the veterans of the Korea War, and place them in front of the City Hall, the names of the boys who lost their lives in the defense of their country to be inscribed on the plaques. Councilman Benstead put the above suggestion in the form of a motion,

which Councilman Drale seconded. Councilman Blount suggested a committee be appointed to insure the matter being properly taken care of and Councilman Benstead amended his motion accordingly, Councilman Drale the second. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount suggested that the following matters be discussed at the next Agenda Meeting: (1) The proper correction and binding of the City Charter; (2) That the City's Ordinances be put in the proper form. Councilman Blount stated that we have 655 Ordinances, approximately 75% of which have been repealed by other Ordinances. He also said he had been questioned by certain citizens as to where they could see copies of the Ordinances, and when told they were available at the City Hall, the citizens said that the City Hall was only open from 8 to 5 and that is the time the majority of people are at work. He suggested that perhaps a copy of all current Ordinances could be bound and placed in the Library.

Councilman Drale referred to the Amended Variance, which had been requested by the Torrance Sand and Gravel Company, and stated that there seemed to be a great deal of confusion as to how the Agreement should be signed. He said Items 1 and 9 had been changed, which was not agreeable to the Homeowners' Association. He moved that the Council approve the original Agreement, including all nine items and excluding none, as it was first drawn up and presented for signature. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Councilman Spelman suggested that the Council write a letter to the Planning Commission, asking for their comments and ideas on the problem of gutters, curbs and sidewalks where we are gradually developing a street. He said Case No. 272 reminded him of it tonight. Councilman Spelman put the above suggestion in the form of a motion, adding that the communication is to go out under the mayor's signature. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale reviewed this subject by saying that two or three houses are built on a street at a time and in a couple of years a street is fully developed with no gutters, curbs or sidewalks. He said he didn't think anything could be done about it unless the City adopted its own Ordinance to take care of such a problem.

Councilman Spelman requested City Manager Stevens to make a phone call regarding the lights at Sepulveda Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue, stating that apparently the electrical crew was behind in its schedule, as they had not been connected the last time he was by this intersection.

City Attorney Hall extended an invitation to the Council members to attend a Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission on Wednesday night, September 9, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, to discuss Tract Maps No. 19305 and No. 19306 located in the Hollywood Riviera section. He said it was his understanding that the Homeowners' Association in Hollywood Riviera have approved the maps as drafted by Mr. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer.

City Attorney Hall stated that he had an Agreement relating to Mr. Gianni's subdivision, Tract No. 16701, which had been turned in tonight for signature. It has been executed by the Moneta Water Company and is now before the City Council for approval. A short discussion was held and it was discovered that one of the Agreements carried the wrong tract number, so the matter was held in abeyance until the correct number could be determined.

City Attorney Hall stated that a letter had been referred to him from the last Council meeting, written by Bollenbacher-Kelton, Inc., for study and recommendation. As a compromise, they demanded \$3,806 and have agreed to settle for the amount of \$989.12. Water Superintendent McVicar has approved this settlement and Attorney Hall stated he would like to recommend that the City accept this sum. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur with the recommendation of City Attorney Hall in this case involving Bollenbacher-Kelton, Inc. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Schoonover of 3546 Sunny View Drive said he wanted to thank the Council for their action tonight and hoped it would bring some

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result. He requested permission for his Homeowners' Group to put up some signs -- "Drive Carefully, Children Playing" -- such as they have in the Torrance Gardens area; the signs will be approximately 30" x 36" mounted on four-by-fours; there will be six or eight signs, which are to be placed either on private lots or parkways. Councilman Spelman advised that there was no objection to the installation of such signs, but that the Chief of Police requested that the signs do not at any time obstruct the view of the drivers approaching the intersections. Mr. Schoonover said the Chief of Police had been contacted and that he had no objection. Councilman Spelman moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Councilman Drale requested City Manager Stevens to see that the storm drain, which runs through Pacific Hills, is checked as it is clogged up with cat-tails which retards the water. He also asked that the clogged sewer line at Newton be investigated, as it has a dilapidated guard rail which should be corrected.

At 10:04 Mayor Schwab declared a five-minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

City Attorney Hall recommended that the joint -use agreement with the Moneta Water Company, regarding Tract No. 16701, be approved by the City Council. He suggested that the fact be called to the attention of the Moneta Water Company that this is the last of the joint-use agreements that do not provide for a complete severance, if and when the City takes over the distribution they are serving in the City of Torrance; that if the City should condemn in the future, they will pay only for the value of their easements; we will not pay for any facilities installed for new subdivisions, or loss of proceeds they make through a joint use of the Agreement. Councilman Blount moved the City Council accept this Agreement and, further, that the City Attorney be instructed to write the Moneta Water Company that the Council feels that the recommendation the City Attorney just made will be the policy of the City Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved that the Council accept the Agreement under date of May, 1951, from the Moneta Water Company. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.


Mayor Schwab presented two names for appointment to fill the vacancies on the Recreation Commission: Mr. Bob Wagoner from South Torrance and Mr. Bob Almond from Central Torrance. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur with the appointments as stated by Mayor Schwab. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Councilman Spelman moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

On motion duly moved, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE